

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-39 are pending. Of these claims, claims 2, 23-30, and 32-39 are withdrawn as being directed at non-elected inventions, as discussed further below. Therefore, claims 1, 3-22 and 31 are pending and are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office sets forth, in pertinent part, the following election of invention requirement:

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1, 3-22, 31, drawn to a method of methylation analysis.

Group II, claim(s) 2, 30, 35-39, drawn to use of DNA in methylation analysis.

Group III, claim(s) 23, 32, drawn to a kit comprising reagents for whole genome amplification.

Group IV, claim(s) 24-29, 33-34, drawn to a mixture of methylated and unmethylated DNA.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

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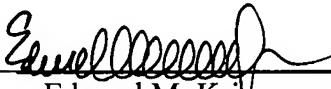
In response to the above, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1, 3-22 and 31.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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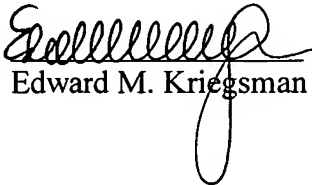
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